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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Citation are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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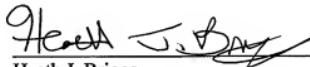
Consideration of the cited items is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Information

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Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502775.

Respectfully submitted,

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